

surreptitiously and “unofficially” to trusted editors and other people in the U.K. and abroad. The *Top Secret* fact is that the U.K. Government has adopted the policy of engaging in anti-Soviet, anti-communist propaganda. We may be able to use the material here.

I am discussing with Mr. Rae means of getting material of this kind published. We shall let you have our views on the matter in the near future.

We have also received from the U.K. High Commissioner copies of a Digest of significant items of information on current relations with the Soviet Union, the satellites and the principal agencies or organizations involved. Information in the Digest is stated to be prepared under official auspices. It may be published, *but without revelation of the source*, on the responsibility of the user.

I think we might issue a monthly digest using some of the material that appears in the *U.K. Digest* and including a section entitled “Canada in the Soviet Press”; or we might exclude the U.K. material and entitle our digest *Canada in the Soviet Press*. We have requested the Embassy in Moscow to send us translations of all significant articles on Canada in the Soviet press — translations that we can publish.

The American Council of Learned Societies will soon commence publication of a *Digest of the Soviet Press*. The *Digest* will be edited by a Russian linguist who will use J.P.R.S.³³ translations as bases for his own translations and summaries. In every case he will check the J.P.R.S. version against the original. The Information Division is preparing a list of Canadian universities, societies, newspapers and periodicals, and individuals, to whom the A.C.L.S. will send its announcement of the *Digest*.

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*Note de la Direction de l'information
pour le chef de la Direction de l'Amérique et de l'Extrême-Orient*

*Memorandum from Information Division
to Head, American and Far Eastern Division*

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[Ottawa], December 15, 1948

A couple of weeks ago we asked the Embassy in Washington to obtain details of any plans that might have been drawn up for the conduct of psychological warfare in the event of war. We have now received a reply, a copy of which I attach to this note.† You will observe that Mr. Snow of the State Department has expressed a willingness to talk to you about the subject during the meeting of the P.J.B.D. in Montreal.

Our own plans are still in a pretty embryonic stage. The trend of our thinking is, however, that psychological warfare should be the responsibility of External Affairs and that there should be set up within the department a section headed by a

³³ Joint Publications Research Service.